

BOARD AUTHORITY / AUTHORIZED COURSES

Background

The District is committed to serving the diverse educational needs of students and recognizes the importance of the opportunities afforded by Board Authority / Authorized (BAA) Courses to provide unique programs, which are appropriate to the needs of students. Board Authority / Authorized Courses are locally developed Grade 10, 11, and 12 courses that meet the graduation requirements set by the Ministry of Education. To ensure that the quality of educational programs is maintained, all Board Authority / Authorized courses must be approved by Boards of Education.

Procedures

1. Requests for approval of a BAA must be submitted by the Principal on the [Ministry of Education BAA Framework template](#) to the Director of Instruction, Learning and Innovation by November 30 the year prior to the proposed implementation.
2. Requests will be adjudicated to determine whether the course will be submitted to the Board for approval or whether revisions will be required prior to submission for approval.
3. BAA Courses shall:
 - Be consistent with provincial and/or District objectives;
 - Appropriately serve the intended students, curricular area and learning outcomes;
 - Align with the Ministry curriculum to reflect the Know-Do-Understand curriculum design;
 - Not closely resemble any current course being offered within the District;
 - Have the necessary staff and resources available.
4. All proposals for BAA courses will undergo a review process on course content, design and appropriateness to the school setting. The authors of the BAA course may be requested to discuss their submission and they may be asked to make revisions before it is accepted for presentation to the Board.
5. The Superintendent shall present the accepted BAA course to the Board for its consideration for approval.
6. The Director of Instruction, Learning and Innovation or designate, will assign the course code and send an electronic copy of the BAA Course Form to Student Certification at the Ministry of Education
7. BAA courses shall be reviewed annually and courses not meeting requirements shall be retired.

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